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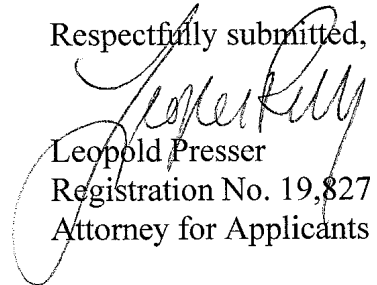
The foregoing claims are being presented for the Examiner's consideration in conjunction with the present RCE in order to place the present application into substantial order for allowance.

Concerning the foregoing, applicants have presented four (4) independent claims, wherein, in essence, Claims 17 and 18 are independent claims directed at the embodiment of Figures 4 and 5, showing the angled clip structure, which may be in a recess arrangement in either the target sleeve or the support sleeve. Furthermore, independent Claims 23 and 24 are also being presented and are directed to the embodiment of Figures 6 and 7, wherein the clamping element is in the form of a centrally tubular member. In conjunction with these claims, appropriate dependent claims have also been presented herein, concerning which applicants respectfully submit that the claims, while clearly conforming to the formal requirements of the claim drafting practice, distinguish patentably over any art cited by the Examiner and known to the applicants.

In view of the foregoing amendments, which are deemed to be fully responsive to the grounds of objection and rejection set forth in the Advisory Action dated December 22, 2008, applicants respectfully submit that the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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